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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: INDIA-PAKISTAN RELATIONS; NEW DELHI.

This countrywide cable reports on relevant media reaction/opinion from India's large non-English press. The Mission reports on English-language media via email through the daily "Early Edition" summary.

INDIA-PAKISTAN RELATIONS

¶1. "PAKISTAN'S INTENTION," editorial in August 4 Hindi daily, AMAR UJALA: "Pakistan is showing its true colors now. From its attitude on the Hafiz Saeed's case, it is clear that Pakistan has no intention to improve relations with India. India should also adopt a tit-for-tat attitude against Pakistan."

¶2. "PAKISTAN'S ATTITUDE," editorial in August 5 centrist Hindi daily, NAVBHARAT TIMES: "Pakistan did not take long to break Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's faith. Prime Minister Gilani had promised action against the Mumbai attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed, but the case against him has been postponed indefinitely. Now it should be clear that its action against the Taliban terrorists in Swat does not mean that it will also act against those involved in terrorist activities in India. If this is Pakistan's attitude, then there is no possibility of moving forward with India."

¶3. "THE SHADOW OF A PAK-ORIENTED POLICY," op-ed article in August 6 centrist Marathi daily, SAKAAL: "Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's Sharm-el-Sheikh stance is

currently being discussed too much in India. The problem is that India should be aware of the changing geo-political realities in the world; fixating on Pakistan narrows India's foreign policy spectrum. India's foreign policy has to reflect its own rising status in South Asia. At present, India is too involved in relatively insignificant, particularly Pakistan-oriented, micro details. Our stance is therefore often apologetic, though we claim to be an emerging superpower."

¶4. "ULTERIOR MOTIVE," editorial in August 6 right-of-center Gujarati daily, GUJARAT SAMACHAR: "The release of Hafiz Saeed by the Pakistani Supreme Court is shocking news for India. Pakistan has once again displayed its ulterior motives in failing to rein in such extremist elements. It is necessary for India to adopt a tough stand against Pakistan, and not merely engage this rogue neighbor in dialogue sessions."

¶5. "PAKISTAN'S CARELESS ATTITUDE," editorial in August 5 right-of-center Urdu daily, HAMARA SAMAJ: "Foreign Minister Krishna's anger is justified over the Pakistan Supreme Court's decision on Hafiz Saeed, the alleged mastermind of the Mumbai terror attack. Pakistan's attitude has been disappointing and highly objectionable. It seems Pakistani authorities now find themselves helpless before the might of terrorist organizations. Their helplessness may prove to be Pakistan's demise."

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